

'University won't dislodge a little old lady' Farber home could block UNO expansion

By HENRY CORDES

A look at the map for future UNO expansion plans suggests there may be something standing in the way.

At the corner of Dodge Street and Elmwood Road, at a spot through which the planned circulation access road will pass, stands the Farber home.

The house was purchased by UNO in 1974 from the Farber family. It is still occupied by Mrs. John A. Farber, widow of the deceased owner.

The 1974 agreement allowed Mrs. Farber to rent the house from the university, according to Gary Carrico, vice chancellor for business and finance. Carrico said the original three-year lease was renewed once and expired in December 1980.

Since then, Mrs. Farber has lived in the house on a month-to-month basis with an oral agreement from UNO that she could stay there as long as she desires.

Though the house stands in the way of the new access road, Carrico said he sees no reason why she will not be able to continue living there. The oral commitment, he added, will be honored.

Construction of the access road won't begin for at least a year because funds are not expected to be appropriated by the legislature until the 1984 session, Carrico said. "We have not made a determination as to what decision will be made then."

Neil Morgensen, director of Plant Management at UNO, said the university can no sooner



Possible roadblock . . . The Farber house is located at the corner of Dodge Street and Elmwood Road on the west side of campus.

speculate on the future of the Farber house than it can on the 12 neighboring properties the NU Board of Regents approved for acquisition earlier this year.

The purchase of those properties must still be negotiated. A public hearing on the purchase was held at UNO last night.

"There are just so many unknowns at this point that it doesn't seem prudent to us to talk about specifics," Morgensen said.

Carrico said he knows of no negotiations between the university and the Farbers. Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha also said he is unaware of such talks.

"My own feeling," said Hansen, "is that we have an agreement — rather an understanding — that she may stay there as long as she wishes. Beyond that, I am unable to comment."

He added that it probably would be a good

idea for UNO and the Farbers to have an informal discussion about the property.

Ajon Farber, son of the late owner of the house, said he would be the principal representative in any discussions between the Farbers and UNO.

"There hasn't been anything said to us and we haven't been involved in any discussions," Farber said.

He is aware of the university's expansion plans, but said his family "tends not to get excited until something becomes official."

It's Farber's understanding that his mother may stay at her current home "health permitting, as long as she desires."

Farber isn't sure whether his mother has outlived the expectations of UNO at the time the agreement was made. Referring to his mother as "the oldest resident co-ed on campus," Farber said she is in good health. "She's hale and hearty. She gets around pretty good, though not as fast as she used to."

The fact that his mother is the oldest resident in the area, having lived in the house for more than 50 years, probably played a part in UNO's decision nine years ago to let her stay, Farber said.

"There was enough turmoil as it was, and they didn't see it as appropriate to dislodge a little old lady," he said.

"As far as I know, there isn't any reason to feel otherwise now."

The Farber home is directly east of The Gateway office and northwest of the Goodrich building on the west side of campus.

UNO prepares proposal for elimination of 21 faculty

The UNO administration is likely to present its proposal for budget reallocation and the elimination of 21 faculty positions at tomorrow's NU Board of Regents meeting.

The regents are scheduled to convene at 10:30 a.m. at Regents Hall, 3835 Holdrege St., in Lincoln.

The administration action comes more than six months after the Commission of Industrial Relations awarded UNO faculty a salary increase.

After that ruling, the regents ordered UNO to trim its budget by about \$550,000 in order to pay for the increase as well as an expected additional salary increase.

In September, the board accepted a UNO proposal to eliminate 21 non-tenured faculty positions. Tomorrow's presentation should specify which faculty members or positions will

not be retained, as well as possible program reductions or eliminations.

After the September decision, UNO administrators requested the deans of four colleges — Arts and Sciences, Education, Fine Arts, and Public Affairs and Community Service — to submit proposals for faculty elimination and program reduction.

Programs or departments which could be eliminated are black studies, humanities, and the Writer's Workshop.

The black studies department voluntarily submitted a proposal which would eliminate the department but retain courses and a degree program. Faculty members would be transferred to other departments where they are qualified to teach.

Harvey Leavitt, associate professor of English and director of humanities, last week said

he is organizing opposition to elimination of the program.

The regents may not take any action at tomorrow's meeting. In September, however, the board voted to reduce faculty and programs shortly after hearing the UNO plan. It had not been scheduled to do so.

Bernard Kolasa, spokesman for the Committee to Save the UNO 21, said "unless there is (a proposed) elimination of a program, it's not necessary for the board to take any action."

He also said that although the administration's emphasis appears to be on leaving unfilled faculty jobs unfilled and encouraging early or partial retirement, other individuals stand to lose their jobs.

Those include instructors in gerontology, music, and humanities. Additionally, one Goodrich instructor may be reduced from full- to

part-time status.

The Gateway was unable to contact administration officials for comment.

Under the administration's plan, these colleges must reduce the following FTE (full-time equivalent) faculty positions:

- Arts and Sciences, 6.4.
- Education, 6.9.
- Fine Arts, 2.71.
- Public Affairs and Community Service, 4.99.

In other business, the board will consider:

—A "need statement" by the UNO administration which outlines plans for construction of a circulation access road on campus, relocation of some annexes, and demolition or renovation of other annexes.

—A need statement for an academic computer at UNO.

Task force plans to 'save' black studies dept.

By CHRIS MANGEN

Would changing the black studies department to a program be the first step in eliminating black studies at UNO, or would it save the curriculum?

Mary Mudd, a member of the Task Force to Save the UNO Black Studies Department, said the change would be a demotion. She said she fears the department would lose "not only status, but money," and eventually be eliminated.

But the chairperson of the department said he isn't concerned.

"This is the best thing for us to do now," Julien Lafontant said. "We have been trying for years to keep the black studies department alive," he said, adding that enrollment has declined the last two semesters. He said he met with other faculty members in the department, and they have decided "if we had a program, there would be no way black studies would be under attack again."

So, Lafontant recommended to Arts and Sciences Dean John Newton that the department be changed to a program.

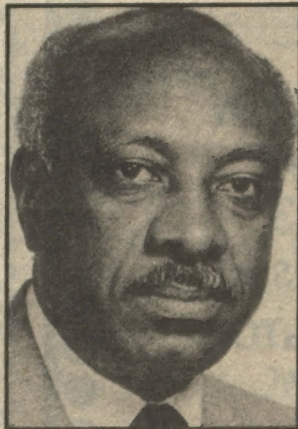
The black studies department was considered for elimination earlier this year by the administration as one means of paying for faculty pay raises ordered by the Commission of Industrial Relations.

Instead, black studies may be reorganized. Under Newton's plan, professors in the department would be assigned to other departments, but continue to teach black studies courses.

Lafontant said the change from department to program will strengthen black studies at UNO and protect it from future



Mudd



Lafontant

budget cuts.

"Some people in the community feel it is a demotion," Lafontant said. "They don't know what's going on. The program will be stronger, no doubt about it. I don't foresee any damage to it."

Before being contacted by The Gateway Tuesday, Lafontant said he hadn't heard of the task force. "It's not good at all what they're doing," he said. "It's only a few people in the community who are pushing the whole thing."

Mudd, however, said other members of the black studies department know of the task force. "They are aware of its existence and we visit with them," she said.

The task force was formed to let people in the department and UNO administrators know what the public thinks about the situation, Mudd said.

She said the task force is concerned that not enough has been done to promote the department. "Teachers have little knowledge of black culture. They should at least be exposed to it."

Students who deal with "people and people concerns" should take a black studies class, Mudd said. "Black studies is something of value to all students, not just black students."

She added: "Without support of academics, how is the department going to progress? It won't, it will falter. It may mean within five years we may not have a black studies program."

She said the idea of requiring all students to take a black studies course has been raised, but nothing has been decided.

Newton said that idea was discussed a couple of years ago, when the curriculum in the college was revised, but faculty members voted against it.

They believed the department was valuable, Newton said, but were trying to hold down the number of required courses.

The faculty did decide to require students to take World Civilization, a course in which "students would gain some knowledge of various cultures throughout the world."

The task force is holding a meeting on Dec. 16 at Kellom Knolls Clubhouse, 27th and Cuming Streets, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Mangen named spring Gateway editor

The Student Publication Committee has selected 21-year-old UNO junior Chris Mangen as spring editor of The Gateway.

Mangen, a journalism major, has been associated with the paper since fall 1982 when he started as a reporter. He is currently Gateway associate editor and also has served as feature editor and news editor.

In addition to achieving a balance between news and features, Mangen said he plans to use graphics and layout crea-

tively to emphasize content.

Mangen currently is taking applications for paid editorial positions and reporters, who also will be paid by the story beginning next semester.

"I'm hoping to attract some new talent, not only journalism students, but others interested in communication," he said.

In addition, Nancy "Fifi" Ferrara will return to serve her ninth semester as advertising manager. Ferrara said



Mangen

she plans to build a staff and produce more special issues such as last fall's registration issue and the Gateway Gift Guide.

The 21-year-old senior communication major is treasurer of the UNO chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

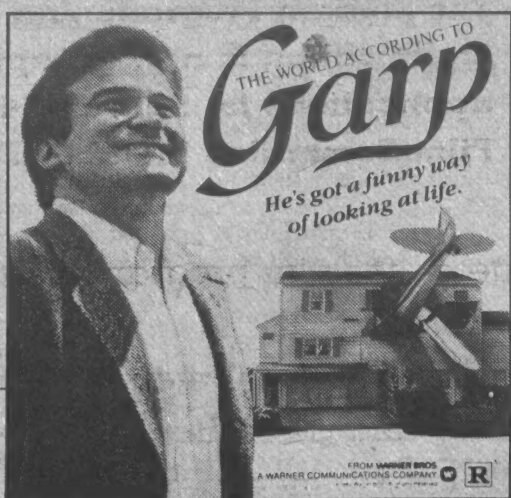
Kim Kavalec, 21, a senior English major, will continue as assistant advertising manager. Kavalec was advertising manager last summer. She also is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority at UNO.



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What's Next

Beta Alpha Psi national honorary accounting fraternity will hold a Casino Night tonight at 8 p.m. at the Lake Forest Apartment Clubhouse, 11402 Evans St. Included will be snacks, beer and prizes to be auctioned at the end of the night. Tickets at the door cost \$3. Proceeds will be used for scholarships.

No parking

Parking Lot V will be reserved on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for the Distinguished Alumni Speaker Luncheon featuring Patricia Matson, ABC television executive, which will be held in the Student Center. The lot will open at 11:45 a.m.

What-pot-luck!

The American Society of Public Administration student chapter is having a holiday pot luck dinner Monday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the UNO Alumni House. Entrees and beer will be provided. Covered dishes are welcome. Tickets are \$3, \$5 for a couple. A limited amount of tickets are available in the public administration office, Annex 27, 554-2625.

One last time

Students in the Writer's Workshop will present their works Friday, Dec. 16, in Arts and Sciences Hall, room 214, at 8 p.m. The program consists of original works written by the students in the poetry and fiction studios of the workshop.

Bloody good show

The dramatic arts department is presenting "The Blood Knot" at 8 p.m. tonight through Sunday in the University Theater. The play examines the personalities and attitudes of dark and light-skinned brothers living in a South African shanty town in the 1960s.

General admission is \$3; discounts are available to high schools. Tickets may be purchased at the door from noon to 5 p.m. For more information and reservations, call 554-2335.

Hands off!

An informational session on "Preventing Sexual Harassment," designed for UNO managers and supervisors, will be held Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Student Center Omaha Room. The session, which will be offered twice, 9:30

ABC television exec to speak

ABC television executive Patricia Matson will speak during a Distinguished Alumni Speaker Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Student Center Ballroom.

The event is the last in a series sponsored by UNO's Student Programming Organization in conjunction with the university's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$5 per person, and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Matson received her bachelor's degree in journalism with honors from Omaha University in 1966. She is vice president of public relations for ABC — responsible for the planning, development and coordination of long-range public relations programs for ABC Television.

She also oversees the company's editorial services, including speechwriting and other projects. In addition, she has responsibility for the "audience information" department in Washington, D.C. and ABC Video Enterprises.

Matson has worked at ABC for six years, having joined the company as director of news information in Washington in 1977. She was promoted to director of business information in New York six months later and assumed her present post in 1979.

Before joining ABC, her experience had been primarily in political and corporate press information, including assistant press secretary to Betty Ford. Before moving to Washington, Matson held public relations positions with Northwestern Bell and Omaha National Bank.



Matson

formances. The second will be at UNO's winter commencement on Dec. 22.

Christmas carols

The music department will give a Christmas concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the University Chorus, Elizabethan Singers and the Concert Choir. Popular Christmas carols, religious songs of the season, and other music from the 16th through 20th centuries will be performed.

Wild women

"Women in the Wilderness" is the topic of a free lecture/slide presentation Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in HPER room 102. Jean Vrbka, co-founder of WOMANQUEST, will speak about women who venture through the wilderness. The event is sponsored by the Outdoor Venture Center. For information, call Jim Fullerton at 554-2539.

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The "Music in the Court" series at Joslyn Art Museum continues during December in the Fountain Court. On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the UNO Elizabethan Singers will perform from noon to 1 p.m.

Let's go park

The interim parking policy at UNO begins Friday, Dec. 23, and remains in effect through Friday, Jan. 13. Vehicles with or without valid parking permits may park in either faculty/staff or student parking lots, according to Dale Morton of Campus Security. He added, however, that violations will be issued to cars parked in reserved, assigned or handicapped spaces unless authorized by permit.

Boot/Tow: The boot/tow policy will still be in effect during this period for vehicles with two or more late violations.

Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus: The last day for the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus this semester is Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. The shuttle bus will resume its services on the first day of the spring semester, Monday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 a.m.

Holiday closing: Campus Security will be staffed 24 hours daily, but closed to walk-in service Dec. 26 through Tuesday, Jan. 2. If you have an emergency, or need access to a building, call 554-2648 or use any red hotline telephone on campus.

to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m., will highlight legal aspects of sexual harassment and explore good management practices to prevent it. If interested, contact personnel services in Eppley Administration room 205 by Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Do you copy?

UNO printing and duplication, as with all other university departments, will be closed during Christmas break. If your activities require a brochure, flyer, poster, etc., during the break or shortly after UNO reopens, contact the department as soon as possible. The normal turnover time is 10 working days. Call 554-2330 with further questions.

tor, said it will perform a variety of music styles. The concert is the first of two December per-

Sign up

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Sunday symphonia

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Save the humanities

Once again the Board of Regents is poised to make a crucial decision about the future of academics at UNO.

The board will hear a proposal about eliminating 21 faculty positions and reducing or eliminating academic programs tomorrow morning.

Not only will these cuts — if adopted — severely damage the university's reputation, they also are fundamentally unfair.

Most readers are familiar with the events leading up to this meeting. Throughout the controversy, The Gateway has raised two points: Why does the administration of this university — particularly central administration — remain virtually untouched by these budget problems? Why are the liberal arts on this campus the focal point of the budget slashers?

The latest insult is the proposed elimination of the humanities program. This offering, which should be mandatory for anyone attending the university, is a thorough study of the ideas and values which have shaped civilization.

It allows the students to study various disciplines — art, history, literature, philosophy and more — and thereby understand how they are linked, how they shaped our culture. In the age of technology, that is deemed "impractical."

If we must be practical, consider: The humanities program more than pays for itself. It consistently has full enrollment, and relies on faculty members from various disciplines to teach it. It is exactly what the regents apparently want — a large lecture class with little expenditure on faculty salaries.

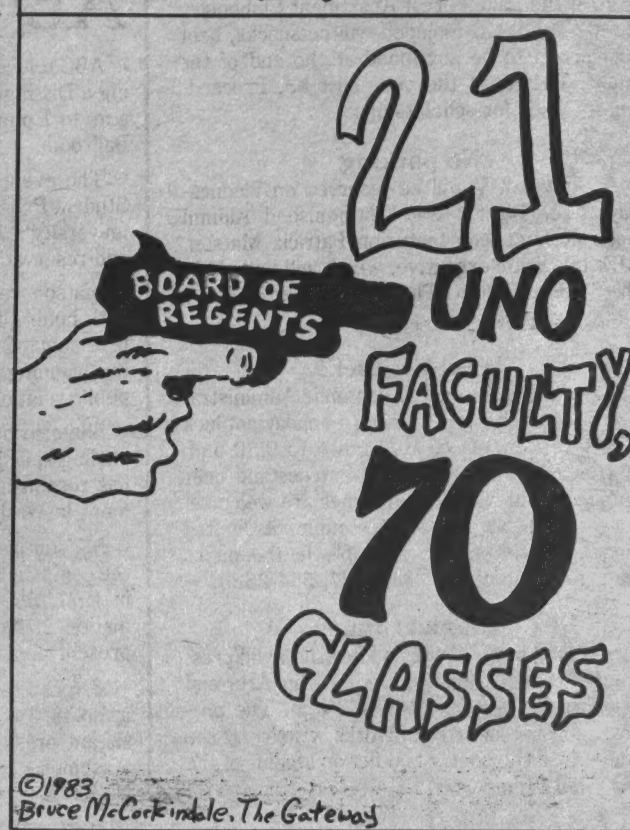
Other important programs face elimination or emasculation: the Writer's Workshop, black studies, the Goodrich program.

We agree with the letter-writer on the opposite page. UNO is in danger of seeing its academic program gutted, reduced to trade school status.

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Dec. 10, 1983



She dedicates 'Goodnight Saigon' to Marines Baez re-states pacifistic principles to young

By COLMAN MCCARTHY

Washington — "I can't tell you how boring it would be for me," said Joan Baez, "to give a concert and not have it be connected with people's lives and people's suffering and real issues. There's no music for me outside of that."

For two hours, Baez had performed for 3,000 people at Constitution Hall, one of 27 singing dates in her seven-week tour just completed. Her soprano voice remains unaffectedly pure.

Now, though, the concert was over and Baez was in a backstage reception room with 20 high school students. Last spring they were in a class I taught. We had studied an essay on peace that Baez wrote in 1966 when, as today, she was in a fierce hurry to get on with it.

A few weeks before she came to Washington, Baez, a woman of generosity, gave an emphatic yes when I asked if she would meet with my students. Bring them to the concert, she said, and we can talk and relax after. That was a large gift in itself, but Baez then gave the kids \$240 worth of front row tickets.

They loved her singing, and backstage they connected quickly with her mind. She was not a star now. She was a constellation of ideas, questions, opinions and reconsiderations.

During the concert, Baez surprised many in the audience by dedicating a song, "Goodnight Saigon," to the Marines in Lebanon and their families: "That may sound strange coming from me but I really am a person who is committed to the sanctity of human life, especially young men who need not have died in their prime."

In spirals of anecdotes and theories, she built a case that gradually peaked into the high ideal that radical non-violence is the best and only answer worth offering to children.

"I understand any kid who looks at the news in the morning and says, 'Screw that, I wanna smoke dope for the rest of my life.' It's so huge what we're facing, so scary," Baez said it is her commitment to offer to the young alternatives to despair.

Briefly into her talk Baez, who sat atop a dressing table, asked for questions. Draft registration was first.

"The draft has no right to exist," she answered. "Nobody has the right to tell you how you are going to live your life. What they'll tell you is, you have to preserve democracy around

**Baez gave them what they wanted:
a call to action, a call to conscience.**

the world. But you can't bring democracy into an undemocratic setup. And the least democratic setup I can think of, offhand, besides possibly the USSR, is an army." She advised the students to study the alternative options to the draft, including jail if that's what it comes to.

As a pacifist, is she ever afraid of violence? She told stories of being in Hanoi during the Vietnam War and taking to the shelters to avoid being killed by American pilots dropping bombs on the city. She experienced bomb threats in Belfast, police-

state threats in Argentina and Chile, billy club threats in Mississippi. "You learn to pray," she said.

One student wondered what Baez believed "U.S. interests" means, a phrase used repeatedly in foreign policy discussions. "What do you think they are?" she asked the student. He said they were so "ambiguous and vague" that "I have no idea." Baez replied, "I agree with you. I don't know what they mean."

On tax resistance as a way of protesting the government's military policies, Baez said she refused to cooperate with the IRS in the 1960s and that it may be time to say no again. "It may be much more of a risk this time. I also have to decide that if I end up in jail, is that worth it? Probably yes. It's probably the best thing I can do."

None of this was too heady for the students. Baez' radical non-violence is not irrelevant to their lives. Some let her know that in their gut they felt the same revulsion to the world's violence that Baez felt when she was a teenager going to Quaker meeting houses. She sensed then that only pacifism and organized resistance to violence is the answer. She has given her life, and her talent, to it.

Backstage at Constitution Hall wasn't exactly a Quaker meeting. But it was just as effective. Baez, who founded and directs Humanitas International, a human rights group based in Menlo Park, Calif., spoke to the students not as children but as adults with crucial choices to make. They were grateful. They didn't want prolix philosophizing or another there-are-no-easy-answers lecture. Baez gave them what they wanted: a call to action, a call to conscience.

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Letters

Loss of credentials

Since reading the article in The Gateway (Dec. 2) regarding the elimination of the humanities program at UNO, I find myself questioning the goal of higher education at this institution.

It is interesting to note that the credentials I receive upon graduation from this university will be quite remarkably affected if the humanities program is eliminated. I've heard rumors to the effect that the students here at UNO are not worried about this because they are,

on the average, an older group whose members work one or two jobs and don't have the time to object to the quality of education they are paying for. If that is true, students might as well go to Metro Tech or some other junior college since they'll get a degree that won't be any less influential than the one from this university — and it's cheaper.

Maybe if UNO lowers the standards for graduation by eliminating the humanities program the tuition will be cheaper or, if not, the students will be paying for more than they are

getting. I urge the students to pay attention to the quality of education they are paying for, and if dissatisfied, OBJECT! Maybe the rumor the regents heard about no school spirit in this university is just that — a rumor — and the students do object to having the credibility of their degrees affected. I certainly do.

Cheril C. Carrington

Still plenty left

A comment on the juxtaposition of Nuclear Freeze and Air Force recruiting billboards (Gateway, Dec. 2):

The fact that the Air Force is against the Nuclear Freeze doesn't mean that the Nuclear Freeze movement is against the Air Force. If the U.S. and USSR agreed to stop producing more nuclear weapons — which is what the freeze means — we would still have all the nuclear weapons we have now. Managing this enormous stock of weapons (and the bombers and missiles needed to deliver them) would still give the Air Force plenty to do.

Russell W. Palmer
Chairperson, Philosophy and Religion



Neurotica

By Karen Nelson

... the party's over

Thoreau didn't go into specifics, but I suspect he would have especially wanted to avoid Christmas parties. Magazine and newspapers from Glamour to Vogue to the Omaha World-Herald and Amperand tell you how to give a party, how to dress for a party, even what to bring.

No one tells you how to survive Christmas parties, except for a vague warning to drink a glass of milk before leaving the house. The milk is meant to make you feel less guilty about all the alcohol and fattening food that will enter your system in the next few hours.

Since no one else will tell you these things, here's The Neurotica Guide to Party Survival:

What to wear: Clothes. Not those glittery, tight-fitting sequined dresses the fashion magazines push. Not sweaters, sweat-shirts and hats with Santas and "Merry Christmas" stitched across the front by Tahitian peasants. Not white tie and tails. Just comfortable, everyday clothes. It's cold out there.

Skirts are for masochists, unless you plan to spend Christmas in an expensive tropical resort. (In that case, what are you doing here?)

Guests: There's two schools of thought about this. Some peo-

ple think you should send invitations to everyone whose parties you went to last year.

If that's what you want to do, fine. Most of these parties are really quite dull, however. This obstacle can be overcome by inviting everyone you owe parties to, setting out refreshments and leaving for three or four hours. After your guests have put each other to sleep, hire a reputable moving company to haul them home.

Others think you should just invite people you like who will get along well with each other. This may be difficult if you only have a couple of friends, so you may have to pad the party with their friends. This could lead to a problem with —

Conversation: Some topics are best avoided, even after several drinks. Stay as far away as possible from people who talk about things like:

"Personally, I think Larry Flynt would make a wonderful president."

"How did I get this body cast? I got it in a department store while trying to get my child a Cabbage Patch Kid doll."

"I saw 'Return of the Jedi' 158 times, and I'm going to see it again tomorrow."

"Of course I watch 'General Hospital'! Why, Luke and Laura are practically my friends!"

Propositions: The standard answer to "My place or yours?" is "Yes. You stay at your place, and I'll stay at mine."

If you can't think of a clever put-down, don't worry. After the third drink, you are perfectly within your rights to stop being nice. Say something more direct like "Listen, turkey, put your hands on me again and you're dogmeat."

If you actually *want* to accept the proposition, you don't need me to tell you what to do.

Leaving: The party's over when everything is gone or when the hosts have gone to bed, whichever comes first.

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Before taking off today, I do have a question or two. Isn't leaving sidewalks unshoveled against city law? If it is against the law, how come the sidewalks along Dodge Street aren't shoveled?

Not that I want to single UNO out, although it really doesn't have an excuse. Almost every merchant along Dodge leaves the sidewalks unshoveled. Pedestrians may be a dying breed, but we aren't extinct yet.

Law guarantees equal protection for deformed infants

By MORTON KONDRACKE

New York — If we think it's right for the government to set worker safety standards, police the environment, and approve new foods and drugs, how can it not be proper for government to protect the lives of handicapped babies?

It may be inconsistent of the Reagan administration to stop enforcing civil rights laws for blacks and women and push government into the hospital delivery room, but it's utterly indefensible for liberals to militate on behalf of whales and wolves yet consider it an invasion of privacy for the government to stop doctors and parents from letting newborn children die.

Instead of fighting over the administration's "Baby Doe" regulations, though, liberals and conservatives ought to agree on ways both to save the lives of handicapped children whenever possible and ease the burden of parents who have to care for them.

Liberals and conservatives did agree, in fact, on the law under which the Baby Doe regulations are being issued — the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. That law is a triumph of humanitarianism, guaranteeing that handicapped persons have the same rights as non-handicapped people.

The administration has investigated or sued in about 50 cases since April 1982, two of which

have received immense national attention, especially the latest case in New York.

The baby was born with major birth defects — an incompletely formed spine, an abnormally small head, water on the brain, and a malfunctioning bladder and rectum. Her parents and doctor decided not to perform spinal surgery which would save her life, but which could not correct possible mental retardation.

The administration has sued to obtain the child's medical records but so far has been defeated in court. It is appealing.

Coming from a right-to-life perspective, most conservative groups seem to be supporting the administration, with the notable exception of The Wall Street Journal. Coming from a pro-choice point of view, most liberals seem to be supporting the parents, even some (like The New York Times) who normally champion the cause of the handicapped.

Both sides could begin reconciling their differences by agreeing not to drag abortion arguments into this controversy. Handicapped newborns are alive, after all. Theories about when life begins simply don't apply.

Another step toward reconciliation would be for both sides to acknowledge that there are cases so hopeless and tragic — where only a life of pain would follow — that doctors are doing everyone a favor by withholding treat-

ment.

Actually, close examination of the first 48 cases arising under the Baby Doe regulations indicates that the Reagan administration has not been at all fanatic about demanding heroic efforts to save massively deformed infants.

And the first Baby Doe case, in Bloomington, Ind., suggests why some government intervention is necessary. The parents and doctor decided to allow the baby to starve to death because it had Down's syndrome of undetermined severity.

Would we want the government to intervene if parents decided to starve a baby because it was a girl instead of a boy or was dark-complexioned instead of light? Obviously we would. We would not raise any privacy issue then, and we shouldn't in the case of the handicapped.

The current Baby Doe case is a hard one, though, raising the issues of where to draw the line and how. The baby's microcephaly suggests she might be permanently and almost totally retarded. It may be beyond the parents' financial and emotional capacity to care for her if surgery is performed and her life prolonged indefinitely.

The Reagan administration, in fact, is not demanding that the surgery be performed. It is merely suing for the right to examine the baby's medical records to determine whether

her case really is hopeless — there is some suggestion that the baby's head and brain are growing, for example — and whether to press for additional care.

The government certainly is entitled to records in other cases where the law empowers it to protect people's civil rights, health and welfare, so surely it should have them in the case of Baby Doe.

As Northwestern University law professor Victor Rosenblum pointed out on television recently, these are, at bottom, civil rights cases. "There is nothing in our Constitution nor in our laws that sets a threshold of physique or intelligence . . . on due process and equal protection," he said, and he's right.

Besides being civil rights cases, these are welfare cases, too. The administration ought to be backing up its insistence on saving the lives of handicapped children with programs to help care for them afterward.

When parents can't or won't provide care, the state should, and the federal government should help pay for it. Even if liberals and conservatives can't agree on the hardest questions of life and death, abortion and capital punishment, surely helping handicapped babies ought to be easier.

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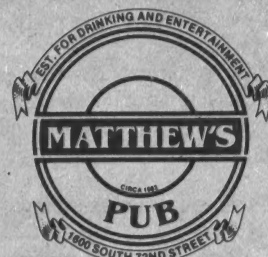
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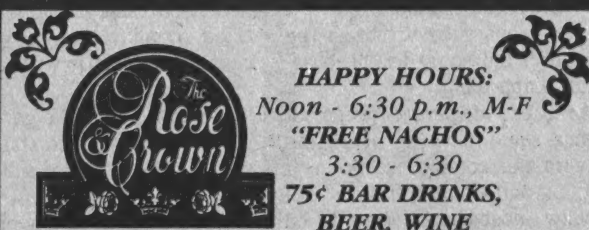
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Time for ski bums to set sail for the slopes

Second in a series.

By TODD BOWKER

There's no doubt about it. It's ski season already. The winter thrashing the Midwest has taken in recent weeks has not been without value to a small, but hard-core group of winter enthusiasts. The ski bums.

Whether you're just a part-timer or a full-fledged hot dog, this season has a lot in store. If you haven't started to wax your boards yet, you might want to start soon since the white stuff is drawing people in increasing numbers to the hills.

The Gateway has compiled a list of ski areas, including the ever-important night life or apres ski. This informal guide lists resort names, places to stay, and offers hints at bargains for those dedicated skiers on a budget.

So if you've got Schnapps in hand, skis in rack and bucks in the wallet, it's time to schuss:

Aspen/Snowmass — With more than 600 acres of runs, and up to 300 inches of snow per year, Aspen offers some of the best skiing in the Rockies. Seven double chair lifts service the area, but, it still can become crowded during peak times. The town at the base of Aspen Mountain offers a wide variety of activities, including several good bars and restaurants.

Just 12 miles up the road is **Snowmass**, and another 1,420 acres of skiing. Eleven double chair lifts and two triple chair lifts allow easy access to all trails, even during peak periods. Also in the area are **Aspen Highlands**, for the advanced skier, and **Buttermilk**, for the beginner to intermediate. Lift tickets for all of the areas are interchangeable.

Accommodations in Aspen are expensive for the most part, but inexpensive places are available. The Alpina Haus offers small rooms from \$38 per night. The Bavarian Inn offers rooms from \$51 per night and 2 bedroom suites from \$110 per night.

The Copper Horse Guest House also is an excellent value.

Breckenridge — Two mountains and more than 1,150 acres of skiing make Breckenridge one of the largest ski areas in the Rockies. Front and back powder bowls await the expert skier. There also are a number of bars and restaurants inviting the skiers out for some apres-ski fun.

If you want to stay in a resort in the A-Basin areas, it's probably best to stay here. Crofutt's Nap Sack Lodge offers inexpensive dorm-style rooms that are less than a mile from the lifts. Beaver Run and The Lift also offer hotel rooms at competitive rates.

Copper Mountain — Another area located in the Arapahoe National Forest is Copper Mountain. Ten double chairs and four triple chairs offer good access to 850 acres of trails. The village at the base of the mountain offers 35 bars and restaurants, as

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Lady Mavs need two wins for national title

By KEVIN COLE

Tonight in Lakeland, Fla., the UNO volleyball team takes the court against Portland State. It will be the second of two matches tonight in the NCAA Division II National Championship tournament.

As champions of the Great Lakes/Northeast Regional Tournament, the Lady Mavs have secured a place in the nation's Final Four. It comes as no surprise to coach Janice Kruger. Back in August, Kruger said this year's squad would be her best team ever and they've proved her right.

"I told them at the beginning of this year that this is a realistic goal. Their hard work and dedication has paid off. We've worked all season long to make it to nationals and we made it," she said.

Besides Portland State, the champion of the Northwest/North Central Regional, the other members of this year's final are Cal State-Northridge and Air Force Academy. Northridge is the champion of the Southwest/South Central Regional and Air Force enters the tournament as the South/Atlantic Regional champion.

Portland State is the only team of the three UNO has not yet faced this season. The Lady Mavs defeated Air Force 15-3, 0-15, 15-10 earlier this season at the Air Force Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo., before losing in the semifinal round of the tournament to Northridge 8-15, 6-15, 7-15.

Kruger said that tournament provided valuable experience for her team because of the high caliber of competition.

"Nothing really jelled for us at first, but everything came together as the games went on," she said. UNO finished third in the tournament and was the only team to defeat the eventual champion, Air Force.

After the Air Force Invitational, UNO never again finished



On the attack . . . UNO senior setter Wendy Melcher leads her team into the Final Four this weekend. Melcher has more than 3,000 career assists.

out of first place. The Lady Mavs came on to win the UNO Invitational, the North Central Conference Championship, the Lewis Invitational in Romeoville, Ill., and finally the regional held in Omaha last weekend.

In all, UNO placed first at five tournaments this season, sec-

ond at two and third once. UNO also is 5-0 in matches against Division I teams including victories over Iowa, Drake and Tulsa.

UNO reached the final four by beating New Haven College last Friday in three straight games 15-2, 15-12, 15-6, and Ferris State on Saturday 15-9, 19-17, 10-15, 15-2. Ferris State had defeated UNO in their previous meetings earlier this season at the Lewis Invitational and in the first round of last season's regional tournament.

Before the championship round of this year's regional, the UNO players characterized the Ferris State match as a "grudge fight." Kruger was confident her team would emerge victorious. "The better defense will win it," she said. "I may be prejudiced, but UNO has the better defense."

This week UNO held two practices before leaving for Lakeland on Wednesday. Kruger said it was difficult to get much done in practice because of interruptions by the local news media. "This is more publicity than we've had all year," she said.

The team worked out at Florida Southern University (Lakeland) yesterday. The UNO coaches also want to use the trip to reward the team for a long season. Assistant coach Lucy Axberg is in charge of recreation. The squad will have a chance to hit the beaches as well as see some of the sights, Kruger said.

More importantly, UNO is concentrating on avoiding any sort of letdown. Senior Wendy Melcher said that is sometimes a problem.

"We have a tendency to steamroll a team on the first game and then there's a mental and physical breakdown. We want to make sure that doesn't happen," she said.

The main goal, according to Kruger, is for the team to play as tough as it possibly can. "We don't want to save anything. We need to play hard and give 120 percent to be winners," she said.

No Heroes

By Kevin Cole

Year of the Mav

It was halftime at UNO's homecoming football game and the Mavs were swamping South Dakota State. The big paw of former Gateway sports editor Kevin Quinn fell on my shoulder. Spinning me around, he gestured toward the scoreboard at the opposite end of the field and boomed, "See, there are, too, heroes. You just have to look for them."

I think some of my writing this semester has made it clear that any cynicism denoted by the title of this column does not extend to the athletic department of this campus. Still, I would like to take this opportunity to review and applaud the performances of UNO athletes this fall.

It is only right that such an inspection begin with UNO's title winners. For the first time in school history, Mav teams have brought home North Central Conference championships in football and volleyball.

Picked by the news media and conference coaches to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack, the football team surprised most everyone by sharing the NCC title with heavily favored North Dakota State. In the process, UNO knocked off the Bison here in Omaha 18-10, ending a 22-game winning streak.

Despite a 9-2 record, UNO did not receive an invitation to participate in post-season play. North Dakota State, ranked fifth in Division II at the end of the regular season, plays Central State of Ohio tomorrow for the championship.

UNO finished the season ranked 10th, but its two losses prevented them from reaching the eight-team playoff field. How-

ever, coach Sandy Buda points out that the season was not ruined by the failure to make the playoffs.

First of all, it was an exciting season. The team treated all of us to an undefeated home season, sweeping six games. The offense put on an aerial show, while the defense always played hard-nosed football.

The individual accolades fell in place as the season drew to a close. Three Mavs were named to the NCC All-Conference team — Carrol Alberly at offensive tackle, Tim Carlson at line-backer and Bob Rupp at defensive back.

Carlson and Alberly were named NCC Most Valuable Players at their respective positions, and this week Carlson also was named to the Kodak Division II All-American team. Additionally, a host of Maverick players made second team all-conference and honorable mention — 19 players in all.

For the second time in his career at UNO, Buda was named NCC Coach of the Year, an honor he immediately shared with his talented assistants. Buda credited offensive coordinator Chuck Osberg, defensive coordinator Gary Evans, and coaches Ron Pecoraro and Tom Mueller as well as the rest of his staff for the award.

Volleyball coach Janice Kruger also was named NCC Coach of the Year as she and assistant coach Lucy Axberg produced the best team in UNO volleyball history. Now 49-6, the Lady Mavs will meet Portland State in the NCAA Division II final four in Lakeland, Fla., tonight at 7:30 p.m. CST.

The final chapter on the UNO season has yet to be written and may include a national championship, if the team can pull out two more victories to end a "Lady Marvelous" season. (Watch for much more on them in next Wednesday's Gateway.)

In the other major fall sports, the UNO men's and women's cross country teams also had seasons to be proud of. The women were ranked second nationally and pulled off two upset wins over South Dakota State, a team that hadn't been beaten by another Division II team in three years.

Linda Elsasser and Cheryl Fonley, among others, will return for two more seasons. Coach Bob Condon can reasonably expect to reach the nationals in the near future.

Sports Information Director Gary Anderson hit the nail on the head when he said "the men's cross country team went from the outhouse to the penthouse this season."

The men concluded an impressive season after a dismal performance last year. Track coach Don Patton and his cross country coach Steve Jones agree that it's easier to look good when you have talented runners like Mike Jones, Kelly Crawford, Todd Peverill, Ben Welch and others.

UNO never finished lower than third in its regular season meets and placed ahead of Mankato State, a team long noted for a strong running program, in the regionals.

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Goalies' performance is the key in UNO floor hockey

By DON KOHLER

Hockey is making its way back into Omaha. Not the on ice, but indoors on the floor. There are currently 14 teams competing in intramural floor hockey leagues at UNO.

The game is played with the same general rules of the National Hockey League, but there are a few exceptions. Only plastic sticks with plastic blades are allowed on the court, and a small air-filled ball replaces the conventional puck used in ice hockey.

Another noticeable difference is the absence of body contact, or body checking, in the floor hockey version. Strict rules are enforced to ensure the safety of all those participating on the

court. In addition, all players are required to use goggles in an effort to reduce eye injuries.

One team consists of six players, including a goalie. As with ice hockey, the goalie is important to a team's success. According to Henry Cordes of the Oznogs, this is the main reason his team is undefeated. "We have one of the best goalies in the league," he said. The Oznogs currently hold a 5-0 record.

The goalie is allowed to wear any padded protective gear, which includes a baseball glove on the hand opposite his stick hand. The goalie also is the only player who may use his hands to move the puck.

The indoor hockey player also is subject to

various penalties. Minor, major, and misconduct violations carry two, four, and 10-minute penalties respectively. In addition, a game penalty results in the removal of a player from a game for fighting, roughing or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Stick handling also is closely watched by officials. A player must keep his stick below the waist during the game to avoid high sticking of his opponents. Also, the ball can be advanced with the stick only and not kicked or blocked with the feet. If this violation occurs, the opposing team will receive a free shot.

Despite the many restrictions and lack of contact, the game is fast-paced and aggressive. It's not necessary to have actual hockey ex-

perience to play indoor hockey.

The Oznogs are in control of their league with a 5-0 record. The Spankers are second at 3-2. The Spankers were undefeated in three years of action until they met the Oznogs this season. In that game, the Oznogs raced to an early 3-0 lead on goals by Tom Veys and Scott Lippold. In the second period, Mike Patterson joined the scoring barrage with a goal and key assists. The Oznogs added three more goals until the Spankers broke loose for three solo goals by Paul Linden. The Oznogs won the game 8-3.

Two other teams boast undefeated records. Sig Eps lead the Frat league with a 5-0 mark, and Vancouver also sports a 5-0 record.

The 1983 Mavericks have a tough act to follow

By ERIC OLSON

Mention that the UNO wrestling team is going through a rebuilding year, and head coach Mike Denney bristles.

"We don't say 'rebuilding.' That is an excuse, and this is not a rebuilding year," said Denney.

But the Mavericks have a tough act to follow, coming off their best season ever last year. In 1982 UNO yielded the most national champions, most wrestlers in the Division I tournament, and most All-Americans in its wrestling history.

Gone from last year's squad are national champions Mark Rigatuso and Greg Wilcox. Still, Denney feels the 1983-84 team can be just as good. "Hopefully, even though the names change, we can stay just as tough," he said.

The Mavs return a young team with only two seniors in the starting lineup. But the seniors, Rick Heckendorn and Mike Braun, have impressive credentials to provide good leadership.

Heckendorn, wrestling at 177 pounds, was an All-American and rated sixth in the nation last year. His personal record is 7-3 this year. Braun won the Denver Open this year in the 190-pound class. He also placed third at both the UNO and UNL Opens.

The Mavs have three starters out of the freshmen crop this season — all of whom had outstanding high school careers.

Shawn Knudsen, 134 pounds, compiled a 126-12 record at Omaha Northwest enroute to four district and two state championships.

Brad Hildebrandt, 150 pounds, qualified for the state championships three straight seasons at Griswold, Iowa. He was runner-up in his class last season.

Heavyweight Damon Tyree has the unenviable task of filling the shoes of Rigatuso. A two-time state champion from Chadron, Tyree holds the state record for most pins in one season with 27.

Sprinkled in with the seniors and freshmen is a strong supporting cast. Among them is junior Mark Manning. Tabbed an All-American last year, the 150-pounder was the conference and Division II national champion.

Junior Mark Weston, 118 pounds, returns after posting a 28-9 record last season. In addition, he placed second in the conference and qualified for Nationals.

Rounding out the starting lineup are Bill Colgate (126), Trent Tinsely (134), and Doug Hassell (167).

So far this season, UNO has shown no real indication of its

potential, according to Denney. The true test was yesterday when the Mavs wrestled in their first North Central Conference dual meet against South Dakota State. Win or lose, Denney believes that match would tell what the squad needs to do to improve.

The Jackrabbits, one of five teams in the conference Denney predicts will be rated when rankings are released, are only the first in a line of grueling league dual meets. UNO, North Dakota St., St. Cloud St., and Augustana are the other four.

"This is the strongest conference by far in Division II. More All-Americans come out of the NCC and schools seem to stress wrestling a lot," said Denney.

Prior to yesterday the Mavs had a 0-2 dual record. The team dropped a 30-10 decision to UNL early this season and lost 23-18 to Northwest Missouri last week.

UNO has fared better this season outside of dual meets. The Mavs opened the season with a second place finish at the UNO Open. Iowa State, the only Division I school at the meet, won the team title.

Last Saturday the team placed 10 of 30 wrestlers in the top six in respective weight classes at the University of Northern Iowa Open.

'Proud' volunteers for youth make kids feel special

The Volunteers for Youth, a program begun and sponsored by the NCAA nationally since 1977, has begun recruitment of participants for the 1983-84 program.

The highly productive UNO campus was of particular interest to National Director Audrey West. "I think their VFY is one of the best in the country."

Currently, 54 colleges in the nation are involved in the V.F.Y. program. The purpose of the program is to help junior high youths feel better about themselves.

West said the idea is to make the kids feel special so they can succeed. The program, West said, is not made up of problem kids, "just ones that could benefit."

The children are chosen by their counselors at school and are asked if the program interests them. The junior high schools involved here are Lewis and Clark and George Norris.

UNO is in its fourth consecutive year of participation in the program. The UNO chapter operates under the direction of five student-athlete directors and four adult advisors. The

athletes are: Kristi Bundy, Mike DeBolt, Carlos Rodgers, Lori Franks and Regina Dale.

According to Bundy, the UNO program director, the match will last for nine months, in which time the athletes and youths meet once a week to either participate in a UNO activity or whatever interests them.

The entire UNO chapter meets once a month for different activities like hay-rack rides or parties. "It gives them positive role models. Through working with young adults it helps to improve the student's self-concept," she said.

"To the volunteers the program offers the personal satisfaction of benefitting others," Bundy said.

Rodgers, for one, is happy to be involved in the VFY program at UNO. "It is a great thing to be involved in. You just do the things that you normally do. It's not a big commitment, it just involves time," he said.

UNO Athletic Director Don Leahy said the University's success in the program is because "we have superior leadership, excellent involvement and we're proud."

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Time for ski bums to set sail for the slopes

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well as shopping and skating on a lighted lake.

The Copper Mountain Lodging Service offers some nice rooms. However, it might not be a bad idea to find another place to stay if you want to ski at Copper Mountain.

Keystone — The "hot spot" of the A-Basin area also is located about 75 miles from Denver. Keystone and Arapahoe Basin offer a wide variety of terrain for all skiers. Eight double chairs and a triple chair, plus the area's popularity make conditions sometimes crowded, but always fun. The night life in Keystone is excellent, with several bars and restaurants to keep you going apres-ski. Lift tickets are interchangeable between the two areas.

Keystone Lodge is probably the best bet in the area, as most of the condominiums are quite expensive. If you do want a condo, check out the Key Condos. However, like Copper Mountain, you might want to commute in and out of Keystone.

Vail/Beaver Creek — Vail is the largest single-mountain ski resort in Colorado. Just 100 miles from Denver, Vail has 60 miles of runs, 18 lifts, and two powder bowls set in the White River National Forest. A delightful European-style village is full of shops and restaurants. Beaver Creek is nearby, without the long lift lines, and also offers some excellent skiing. Shorter lift lines make Beaver Creek a nice change of pace from Vail. Lift tickets also are interchangeable between these areas.

The Charter, at Beaver Creek, is one of the best values in the area. Lodge rooms start from \$100/night, but drop to \$75 during the low season. There is also a Holiday Inn located in Vail which is very nice. Vail is an expensive place, but good skiing, so again, it's best to commute.

Dillon — A short distance away from the A-Basin areas lies Dillon. Although not a ski resort, Dillon offers a lot of lodging

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 Dillon — Full day \$21. Half day \$10. 3 day \$54. 4 day \$66.
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 Winter Park/Mary Jane — Full day \$18. Half day \$12. 2 day \$33. 6 day \$66.
 These rates are the basic adult rates for all locations and do not include child or senior citizen rates. Group rates for additional days are available at most locations.

when skiing in the area. Rates for lodging usually are lower for both condos and hotels. The Best Western Lake Dillon Lodge, and the Lake Dillon Holiday Inn both are reasonable.

Steamboat — Located in the Routt National Forest, Steamboat is a top-notch ski resort known for its powder. The addition of two triple chairs and five runs make Steamboat's 1,000 skiable acres even more accessible this year. There are a great number of apres-ski activities in the resort area, as well as in the town itself — including 50 bars and restaurants. Faces and The Cove are among the most popular night spots for wetting your whistle after a hard day on the slopes.

The Nights Rest Motel offers rooms with a kitchen and bath for about \$65 per night with six people. The Rabbit Ears Motel offers a bit nicer room for about the same price, but without the kitchen. There are a number of other hotels in Steamboat that are reasonably priced, plus two camp grounds for the more adventuresome skier.

Winter Park/Mary Jane — Nestled in the Arapahoe National Forest, Winter Park/Mary Jane is just 67 miles from Denver. Eleven double chairs and three triple chairs provide access to 56 trails. Winter Park offers a good selection of apres-ski activities, including bars, restaurants, shopping and a movie theater. A very popular night spot is a bar called The Slope.

For skiers on a budget, the Winter Haven Inn offers rooms from about \$60 per night. It's a nice place to stay, including a lounge and friendly staff. Just two blocks from the center of town is the Hi Country Haus, offering a wide selection of reasonably priced condos from around \$100 per night. Free shuttle service to the area is included in these luxury units. It is a good value, but expect the rates to go up 30 percent from December 16 to January 1.

Newly expanded Silver Creek, just minutes away, also offers some good values in lodging, as well as \$12 lift tickets.

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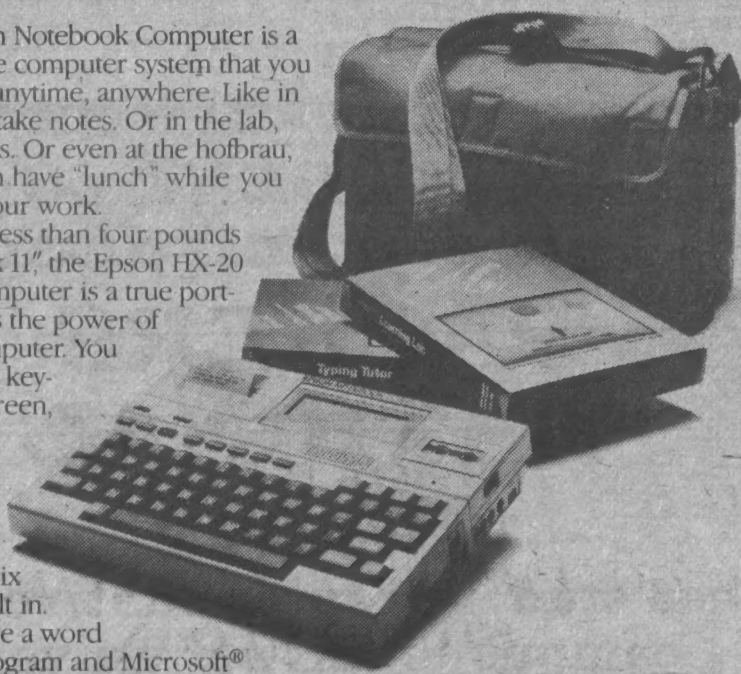


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